

Docket No. A2011-64

Postal Regulatory Commission


Washington, D.C. 20268-0001

NOTICE OF FILING UNDER 39 U.S.C. § 404(d)

TO THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE:

Please take notice that on September 6, 2011, the Commission received a petition for review of the Postal Service's determination to close the Ionia post office located in Ionia, Missouri. The petition for review was filed by William Smart, Mayor of the City of Ionia, Missouri (Petitioner) and was received by the Commission on August 31, 2011.

This notice is advisory only and is being furnished so that the Postal Service may begin assembling the administrative record in advance of any formal appeal proceedings held upon the alleged (closing/consolidation) for transmittal pursuant to 39 CFR § 3001.113(a) (requiring the filing of the record within 15 days of the filing with the Commission of a petition for review). The Postal Service's administrative record is due no later than September 21, 2011.



Shoshana M. Grove
Secretary

Date: September 7, 2011

Attachment

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POSTAL REGULATORY
COMMISSION
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

August 24, 2011

Postal Regulatory Commission
901 New York Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20268-0001

Gentlemen/Ladies:

The Postal Service has informed us of a decision to close our post office. This action is being taken after meeting the provisions of the Postal Reorganization Act of 1970, and over our protestations.

We, the customers of the Ionia Post Office, vigorously protest this action, in view of the provision in the Postal Reorganization Act that calls for the Postal Service to provide a maximum degree of effective and regular postal service to rural areas, communities, and small towns where the post office is not self-sustaining.

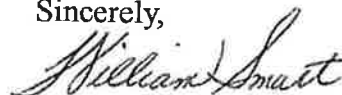
The Postal Service's decision to close our post office and provide rural delivery service raises questions concerning the sanctity of the mail and risks involved in the handling of mail by non-career employees. We also foresee inconveniences in purchasing money orders and stamps, and sending accountable mail. We have the same concerns regarding the receipt of accountable mail, such as certified letter, registered letters and CODs. Even though the document on closing the Ionia Post Office says there are no businesses in our community, there are four, including a large grain elevator, a small manufacturing company, an automobile repair shop, and a small engine repair shop.

We know that, once we are deprived of our present post office, we no longer come under the protection of the Postal Reorganization Act and are at the mercy of the Postal Service.

We feel that, as citizens of the United States, we are entitled to the same efficient postal service provided to our counterparts in urban areas. The Postal Reorganization Act is explicit in pointing this out. We petition you, as members of the Postal Rate commission, to respectfully consider our protest and order the Postal Service to give additional considerations to our service needs.

Enclosed is a petition signed earlier in the process.

Sincerely,



William Smart
Mayor

Enclosure

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We, the citizens and customers of the Ionia Post Office hereby protest any change in the present status of our post office.

It is our desire to retain our post office at its present status --- a United States post office operated by a postmaster and career postal employees.

We have many concerns, among them the sanctity of the mail and the inconvenience your proposal presents to us in delivering and sending the mail, particularly accountable mail. We are especially concerned over what effect your proposed action would have regarding the purchase of postal money orders. We are also well aware of the documented abuses possible through a contract mail station.

The Postal Reorganization Act of 1970 calls for providing a maximum degree of effective and regular postal service to rural areas, communities and small towns where post office are not financially self-sustaining.

We do not feel your proposals meet these criteria.

Sincerely,
Customers of the Ionia Post Office

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